of the population of Andhra Pradesh is covered by TV service as on 31-7-84. The population of the country covered on the same date is 33.4 per cent.

(b) Apart from interim High Power Transmitter at Vijaywada and low power transmitters at Tirupati, Nellore, Cuddapah Karimnagar, Vishakhapatnam, Nizamabad and warangal already commissioned, LPTs at the Rajamundry, and Kurnool are being commissioned on 6-8-84 and 7-8-84 respectively. LPTs are under installation at Anantapur, Adoni and Mehboobnagar. The power of the TV transmitters at Vijaywada and Vishakhapatnam would be raised to 10 KW during 1984-85. With the above schemes by the end of 1984-85, 65 per cent of the population of Andhra Pradesh is expected to be covered by TV service. Proposals for the VII plan beginning from April, 1985 are still to be finalised.

(c) and (d) All Centres commissioned under the Special Plan for expansion of TV including these in Andhra Pradesh relay via INSAT-IB, programmes of National importance put out from Delhi which include 20 point programmes and those of rural interest.

In addition, the Direct Reception Sets in the districts of Mehboobnagar and Kurnool and VHF sets in Rengareddy district received area specific programmes for rural communities.

Telephone connections to Kendriya Vidyalayas

1409. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a temporary telephone connection has been sanctioned by the Government to Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pushp Vihar Sector-III, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for giving temporary connections to such organisations or schools instead of giving them permanent telephone connections on priority basis;

(c) whether Government propose to convert such temporary connections given to Kendriya Vidyalayas into permanent ones, not only in Delhi/New Delhi but also in the country in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government schools and colleges can register for a maximum of two telephone connections under 'Non-OYT-Special' category. Temporary telephone connections are sanctioned on merits of the case for meeting their immediate requirements.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Permanent telephone connections are provided as soon as turn of the case in the waiting list of the relevant category matures.

STD services from Delhi to towns in Andhra Pradesh

1410. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the frequent difficulty in getting STD lines to towns in Andhra Pradesh from Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulties in getting Visakhapatnam from Delhi on STD lines; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to improve these services?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Not all the towns in Andhra Pradesh are accessible by STD from Delhi because complete connectivity and routing are not yet established. Where access is provid-